

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 58-19-02
of the
City Manager of the City of Eugene

**REGARDING THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON A PROPOSAL TO
AMEND THE WASTEWATER USER FEE SCHEDULE.**

The City Manager of the City of Eugene finds as follows:

A. Section 6.411 of the Eugene, Code, 1971 (EC), authorizes the City Manager to determine and set fees and charges to be imposed by the City for wastewater service, regional wastewater service, and stormwater service. Pursuant to that authority, on June 18, 2018, I issued Administrative Order No. 58-18-05-F amending the Wastewater User Fee Schedule.

B. In accordance with EC 6.411(1), I have conducted an investigation of the revenue needs of the City in providing wastewater services and have considered the following criteria: (1) the amount charged for the services in the past; (2) the recommendation of the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission (MWMC); (3) applicable federal and state regulations; (4) amounts charged by the City of Springfield and other such service providers for comparable services; (5) the revenue needed to pay the City's costs and debt obligations related to wastewater facilities, the expected need for financial reserves and contingencies, and other sources of revenue; (6) other relevant adopted policies of the council; (7) the terms of any applicable intergovernmental agreement relating to wastewater; (8) obtaining equity between different classes of ratepayers; and (9) the value of the use and occupancy of the City's right-of-way by the City wastewater system.

C. Based on my investigation and consideration, I propose to amend the wastewater user fees as set forth in the Notice attached as Exhibit A to this Order, to be implemented and effective for all bills issued on or after July 1, 2019.

On the basis of these findings, I order that:

1. The City of Eugene shall conduct a public hearing on the proposed local (City of Eugene) wastewater rates. Pursuant to EC 6.411(1)(d), the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission is hereby authorized to conduct a public hearing on the proposed regional (MWMC) wastewater rates.

2. A Notice substantially conforming to the Notice attached as Exhibit A shall be:

a. Provided to the Mayor and City Councilors, the news media, any person who has requested notice, interested governmental agencies (including the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission, and the Eugene Water & Electric

Board);

- b. Posted at two locations at City Hall;
- c. Published on two separate occasions in the Register Guard Newspaper; and
- d. Be made available for inspection by interested persons at the offices of the Public Works Department, 99 W. 10th, Suite 116, Eugene, Oregon 97401, during normal business hours.

Dated this 15 day of March, 2019.

Jon R. Ruiz
City Manager

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF
THE WASTEWATER USER FEE SCHEDULE**

Pursuant to Eugene Code Section 6.411 and as a result of an investigation of the revenue needs of the City in providing wastewater services, the City Manager is proposing to amend the Wastewater User Fee Schedule with new rates to become effective on all bills issued on or after July 1, 2019. The investigation shows there is a need for the proposed increase in order to continue the same level of service through FY20. Documentation of the investigation may be reviewed at www.eugene-or.gov/wwfees.

The current monthly rates and the proposed rates to be charged effective on all bills issued on or after July 1, 2019, are set out below.

<u>RATE COMPONENT</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
RESIDENTIAL:		
<u>Per Account Fee:</u>		
City of Eugene.....	No Charge	No Charge
MWMC	\$13.28	\$13.55
<u>Sanitary Sewer Flow-Based Charge per 1,000 Gallons of Water Used:</u>		
City of Eugene.....	\$2.351	\$2.445
MWMC	\$2.641	\$2.694
Total flow-based charge per 1,000 gallons of water used	\$4.992	\$5.139
TYPICAL RESIDENTIAL BILLING: (Per Account charge + 5 times the total flow based charge)	\$38.24	\$39.25
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL:		
<u>Per Account Fee, All Commercial/Industrial Classes:</u>		
City of Eugene.....	No Charge	No Charge
MWMC	\$13.28	\$13.55
<u>Sanitary Sewer Flow-Base Charge Per 1,000 Gallons of Water Used by Customer Class:</u>		
<u>Low Strength Customer:</u>		
City of Eugene.....	\$2.351	\$2.445
MWMC	\$3.551	\$3.622
Total flow-base charge per 1,000 gallons of water used	\$5.902	\$6.067

<u>RATE COMPONENT</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
Medium Strength Customer:		
City of Eugene.....	\$2.351	\$2.445
MWMC	\$5.173	\$5.276
Total flow-base charge per 1,000 gallons of water used	\$7.524	\$7.721
High Strength Customer:		
City of Eugene.....	\$2.351	\$2.445
MWMC	\$7.340	\$7.487
Total flow-base charge per 1,000 gallons of water used	\$9.691	\$9.932
Very High Strength Customer:		
City of Eugene.....	\$2.351	\$2.445
MWMC	\$9.513	\$9.703
Total flow-base charge per 1,000 gallons of water used	\$11.864	\$12.148
Super High Strength Customer:		
City of Eugene.....	\$2.351	\$2.445
MWMC	\$11.682	\$11.916
Total flow-base charge per 1,000 gallons of water used	\$14.033	\$14.361
SEPTAGE HAULERS/HAULED WASTE (NON-SEPTAGE):		
City of Eugene.....	No Charge	No Charge
MWMC Septage: flow rate/1,000 gallons.....	\$127.00	\$132.00
MWMC Hauled Waste (non-septage): flow rate/1,000 gallons.....	\$127.00	\$132.00

Comments on the proposed rates for local (City of Eugene) wastewater service may be submitted orally or in writing at a public hearing to be held in the Public Works Engineering Department Les Lyle conference room, 99 E. Broadway, Suite 400, Eugene, Oregon, 97401, on April 3, 2019 at 12:00 pm. Written comments may otherwise be submitted to Susan Weixelman, Public Works Financial Services Manager, 99 W. 10th, Suite 116, Eugene, Oregon, 97401, or via e-mail to PWAdmin@ci.eugene.or.us. To be considered, written and e-mail comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the date of the public hearing.

Comments on the proposed rates for regional (MWMC) wastewater service may be submitted orally or in writing at the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission meeting in the Library

Meeting Room at Springfield City Hall, 225 Fifth Street, Suite 301, Springfield, Oregon, 97477, on April 12, 2019, at 7:30 a.m. Written comments may otherwise be submitted to Kevin Kraaz, MWMC Secretary, at Springfield City Hall, 225 Fifth Street, Suite 101, Springfield, Oregon, 97477, or via e-mail to kkraaz@springfield-or.gov. To be considered, written and e-mail comments must be received by 9 a.m. on the date of MWMC's meeting.

If the City Manager chooses to take action after considering the comments received, the proposed or modified fees will be adopted by administrative order of the City Manager.

The public hearing location is wheelchair-accessible. For the deaf or hard of hearing, an interpreter or assistive listening system can be provided with 48 hours' notice. Spanish-language interpretation will also be provided with 48 hours' notice. Materials are available in alternative formats. To arrange for these services at the City of Eugene's public hearing, you must telephone 541-682-4900 at least 48 hours prior to the April 3 public hearing. To arrange for these services at MWMC's public hearing, you must telephone 541-726-3694 at least 48 hours prior to the April 12 public hearing.

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